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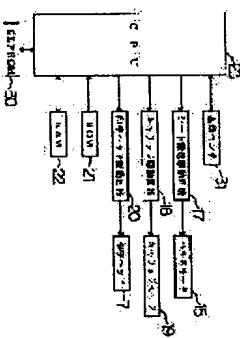
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(54) SHEET CARRIER DEVICE AND CORRECTION METHOD OF SHEET CARRYING QUANTITY IN SHEET CARRIER DEVICE

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To precisely deliver a sheet in desired carrying quantity without demanding parts precision by control of a driving control means to correct the sheet carrying quantity by a correction value stored in a correction value memory means in accordance with detection of a specific point by a detection means.

SOLUTION: A correction value table proper to each of devices is formed in a manufacturing process. That is, a carrier error of a sheet carrier mechanism appearing in a specific cycle is detected by using an encoder, etc., in the manufacturing process, and a correction value in correspondence with this carrier error is stored in an EEPROM 30. Thereafter, a standard points detected by using a standard sensor 31 to detect the standard point for actual correction control, and it is controlled to carry out correction of sheet carrying quantity by counting the pulse number with the point of time when the standard point is detected as a standard. By such correction control, it is possible to precisely and certainly correct the carrier error at each point of time of the specific cycle by the correction value.



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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[The technical field to which invention belongs] In detail, it prepares for printers, such as a printer, and this invention relates to the sheet transport device a sheet transport device and for carrying out sheets, such as the recording paper.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Conventionally, when printing a sheet by the print head, printers, such as a printer, are interlocked with printing operation of a print head, and are equipped with the sheet transport device for sending a sheet one by one. This kind of sheet transport device makes a stepping motor drive, and it is made to send a sheet by having the conveyance roller which does a conveyance operation to a sheet, and the stepping motor which drives this conveyance roller, and sending a predetermined pulse to a stepping motor so that CPU as drive control means may convey a sheet in the predetermined amount of sheet conveyances.

[0003]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, even if it sends the pulse which is equivalent to the predetermined amount of conveyances from CPU to a stepping motor while a sheet needs to be conveyed correctly in order to make suitable printing, it is difficult to send a sheet correctly in the desired amount of conveyances in fact, since there are deflections, such as a conveyance roller and a gear which tells a drive to a conveyance roller from a stepping motor, etc.

[0004] Therefore, although it was made to raise the precision of sheet delivery by raising part precision, such as a conveyance roller, even if it raised part precision, there is a limitation in correcting a conveyance error, and elevation of a manufacturing cost was caused. The purpose of this invention is to offer the sheet transport device to which it can be made in order to solve the above-mentioned trouble, and part precision of each part articles, such as a conveyance roller, cannot be required, but ** can also send a sheet correctly in the desired amount of conveyances.

[0005]

[Means for Solving the Problem] In order to attain the above-mentioned purpose, invention according to claim 1 So that a sheet may be conveyed in the sheet conveyance mechanism in which a sheet is conveyed, and the predetermined amount of sheet conveyances in a sheet transport device equipped with the drive control means for controlling the drive of the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism. The sheet conveyance error of the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism in which it appears a specific period from a certain reference point is corresponded to the conveyance error in each point of the specific period. The correction value of an amendment sake is equipped with the correction value storage means stored and the detection means for detecting the specific point in a specific period, the aforementioned drive control means the correction value memorized by the aforementioned correction value storage means based on detection of the specific point by the aforementioned detection means — the amount of sheet conveyances — an amendment — detection means — the amount of sheet conveyances — an amendment — it is characterized by specifying the smallest unit of a sheet feed per revolution by the specific pulse number which a driving source drives in invention according to claim 4. Thus, by the specific pulse number, if constituted, since the minimum

[0006] According to such composition, for a correction value storage means Since the correction value of an amendment sake is stored corresponding to the conveyance error in each point of the specific period, the sheet conveyance error of the sheet conveyance mechanism in which it appears a specific period from a certain reference point the conveyance error which a sheet conveyance mechanism has separately by correction value amending the conveyance error in each point of a specific period, and conveying a sheet based on the detection result of the specific point by the detection means — easy — an amendment — things are made Therefore, part precision of a sheet conveyance mechanism cannot be required, but ** can also send a sheet correctly and certainly.

[0007] Moreover, invention according to claim 2 so that a sheet may be conveyed in the sheet conveyance mechanism in which a sheet is conveyed, and the predetermined amount of sheet conveyances in a sheet transport device equipped with the drive control means for controlling the drive of the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism The sheet conveyance error of a certain reference point A correction value storage means equipped with the correction value table on which the conveyance error for every section which was divided for every section and divided given by dividing the specific period into plurality is stored in the correction value of an amendment sake, respectively. It has a detection means for detecting the specific point in a specific period, the aforementioned drive control means the correction value table memorized by the aforementioned correction value storage means based on detection of the specific point by the aforementioned detection means — the amount of sheet conveyances — an amendment — it is characterized by controlling like

[0008] According to such composition, a correction value storage means Since it has the correction value table on which the correction value corresponding to the conveyance error for every section which divided the specific period into plurality is stored the conveyance error which a sheet conveyance mechanism has separately by correction value amending the conveyance error for every section, and conveying a sheet based on the detection result of the specific point in a specific period by the detection means — easy — an amendment — things are made Therefore, part precision of a sheet conveyance mechanism cannot be required, but ** can also send a sheet correctly and certainly by simple composition.

[0009] Moreover, invention according to claim 3 is a criteria sensor by which the aforementioned detection means detects the reference point of the sheet conveyance error which appears a specific period in invention according to claim 1 or 2, and the aforementioned drive control means are characterized by performing amendment control of the amount of sheet conveyances on the basis of the time of the reference point of the conveyance error of a sheet being detected.

[0010] the conveyance—correctly and certainly error at each [of a specific period] time since a criteria sensor detects the reference point of a specific period according to such composition, if drive control means are made to perform amendment control of the amount of sheet conveyances on the basis of the time of this reference point being detected — correction value — an amendment — things are made Invention according to claim 4 is set to invention according to claim 1 to 3, moreover, the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism It has the conveyance roller which does a conveyance operation to a sheet, and the driving source which drives the aforementioned conveyance roller by giving a pulse, the aforementioned amount of conveyances, and each aforementioned correction value It is prescribed by the pulse number and the aforementioned drive control means are characterized by having given the amended amount of conveyances to the aforementioned driving source by the pulse number.

[0011] By a pulse number's prescribing the amount of conveyances, and each correction value, and giving the amount of conveyances amended by the driving source which drives a conveyance roller by giving a pulse by the pulse number, the control in sheet delivery can be controlled by the pulse number, and a sheet can be sent correctly and certainly by simple composition. Moreover, invention according to claim 5 is characterized by specifying the smallest unit of a sheet feed per revolution by the specific pulse number which a driving source drives in invention according to claim 4. Thus, by the specific pulse number, if constituted, since the minimum

delivery unit is specified, from a pulse number, the amount of sheet conveyances and the amount of amendments can be determined easily, and positive control can be performed by simple composition.

[0012] Moreover, invention according to claim 6 so that a sheet may be conveyed in the sheet conveyance mechanism in which a sheet is conveyed, and the predetermined amount of sheet conveyances. The sheet conveyance error of the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism in which are the amendment method of the amount of sheet conveyances in a sheet transport device equipped with the drive control means for controlling the drive of the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism, and it appears a specific period from a certain reference point is detected. Store the correction value of an amendment sake in a correction value storage means chosen based on detection of the specific point by the aforementioned detection means — the amount of sheet conveyances — an amendment — it is characterized by things for the conveyance error in each point of the specific period, prepare the detection means for detecting the specific point in a specific period, and it sets to the aforementioned drive control means, the correction value memorized by the aforementioned correction value storage means, the conveyance error in each point of the specific period the conveyance error which a sheet conveyance mechanism has separately by correction value amending the conveyance error in each point of a specific period, and conveying a sheet based on the detection result of the specific point in a specific period by the detection means — easy — an amendment — things are made. Moreover it cannot require the part precision of a sheet storage means, the conveyance error in each point of the specific period the conveyance error therefore, invention of a publication So that a sheet may be conveyed in the sheet conveyance mechanism in which a sheet is conveyed, and the predetermined amount of sheet conveyances The sheet conveyance error of the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism in which are the amendment method of the amount of sheet conveyances in a sheet transport device equipped with the drive control means for controlling the drive of the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism, and it appears a specific period from a certain reference point is detected. Store the correction value of an amendment sake in a correction value table for the conveyance error for every section which divided the specific period into plurality, prepare the detection means for detecting the specific point in a specific period, and it sets to the aforementioned drive control means, each correction value in the aforementioned correction value table chosen based on detection of the specific point by the aforementioned detection means — the amount of sheet conveyances — an amendment — it is characterized by things [0014] According to such an amendment method, the sheet conveyance error of the aforementioned sheet conveyance mechanism in which it appears a specific period from a certain reference point is detected Since the correction value of an amendment sake is stored in a correction value table, the conveyance error for every section which divided the specific period into plurality the conveyance error which a sheet conveyance mechanism has separately by the correction value in which the conveyance error for every section is stored in a specific correction value table amending based on the detection result of the specific point in a specific period by the detection means, and conveying a sheet — easy — an amendment — things are made. Therefore, part precision of a sheet conveyance mechanism cannot be required, but ** can also send a sheet correctly and certainly by simple composition.

[0015] [Embodiments of the Invention] Drawing 1 is the important section side elevation showing 1 operation gestalt which materialized the printer equipped with the sheet transport device of this invention. The printer 1 is equipped with the sheet feeder style 4 for supplying sheets, such as the recording paper, behind the casing 2 at the printing section 3 in drawing 1. This sheet feeder style 4 is equipped with the supply tray 5 which can set many sheets in the shape of a laminating, and the feed roller 6 arranged in the softi section of the supply tray 5, and the sheet set to the supply tray 5 is supplied one by one to the printing section 3 by the feed roller 6.

[0016] The printing section 3 is equipped with the print head 7 printed on a sheet, and the platen 8 which receives a sheet. The print head 7 is carried in the carriage which is not illustrated, and whenever 1 scan is carried out, while it is carried out as [carry / one printing] and this printing operation is repeated, it is made to be carried out in printing processing of printing data by the drive of the carriage motor 19 (refer to drawing 3) which drives this carriage. The sheet printed in the printing section 3 is discharged on the eccrissis tray 9.

[0017] And with this operation gestalt, the printing section 3 of this printer 1 is equipped with the sheet transport device. This sheet transport device is equipped with the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 in which a sheet is conveyed, and CPU23 (refer to drawing 3) as drive control means for controlling the drive of the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 to convey a sheet in the predetermined amount of sheet conveyances. Drawing 2 is the plan simplifying and showing the important section of this sheet transport device. In drawing 1 and drawing 2, the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 was arranged in the upstream of a platen 8, and is equipped with the conveyor roller 11 which does a conveyance operation to a sheet, and the eccrissis roller 12 which is arranged in the downstream of a platen 8, drives with the conveyance roller 11, and discharges a sheet. These conveyances roller 12 and the eccrissis roller 12 are connected to the stepping motor 15 (refer to drawing 3) as a driving source through the gear train which is not illustrated. Moreover, while the roller axis end section of the conveyance roller 11 is equipped with the sensor 31 (refer to drawing 3) which detects a specific rotation position, anchoring of the encoder 16 which detects angle of rotation of the conveyance roller 11 is enabled through the distributor shaft coupling 24 if needed. 360 degrees of one rotation of the roller shaft of the conveyance roller 11 can be divided 1000, and this encoder 16 can detect it. Moreover, the conveyance roller 11 and the conveyance side nip roller 13 which follows on this conveyance roller 11 in the position which counters on both sides of a sheet are arranged, and the eccrissis side nip roller 14 which follows on this eccrissis roller 12 is arranged in the position which counters on both sides of the eccrissis roller 12 and a sheet. In addition, if detection of a specific rotation position is possible for the criteria sensor 31, all the kinds of an optical, magnetic, or mechanical sensor etc. of sensor can be used for it.

[0018] The block diagram of the control system of the printer 1 containing this sheet transport device is shown in drawing 3. CPU23 is connected with the print head drive circuit 20 for driving the carriage drive circuit 18 for driving the sheet conveyance drive circuit 17 for driving a stepping motor 15, and the carriage motor 19, and a print head 7, the criteria sensor 31, and each part of ROM21, RAM22, and EEPROM (writing in electrically eliminable ROM30 in drawing 3. The amendment program of an amendment sake etc. is set to ROM21 in the amount of sheet conveyances with the correction value which carries out drive control of the sheet conveyance drive circuit 17, the carriage drive circuit 18, and the print head drive circuit 20 based on the created printing data and which control-head=programs and is mentioned later. Moreover, the correction value of an amendment sake is memorized by EEPROM30 in the amount of sheet conveyances, and it has a role of a correction value storage means in it. The work area as memory for performing various kinds of memory buffers, and amendment programs for performing printing control etc. is set to RAM22.

[0019] The correction value memorized by EEPROM30 The sheet conveyance mechanism 10 division, It is the thing of an amendment sake about the conveyance error which originates in deflections, such as a gear which tells a drive to the conveyance roller 11, etc. from the conveyance roller 11 and a stepping motor 15. From a certain reference point (specific rotation position detected by the sensor 31), the sheet conveyance error of the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 in which it appears a specific period is made equivalent to the conveyance error in each point of the specific period, and is set up. It is made to make EEPROM30 memorize each correction value which specifically divided into plurality the sheet conveyance error which appears a specific period from a reference point, and was divided into plurality and which set up correction value for every section and was set up as a correction value table.

[0020] Creation of such a correction value table is performed in a manufacturing process, and a peculiar correction value table is created for every equipment. Namely, in a manufacturing process, the conveyance error of the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 in which it appears a

specific period is detected using encoder 16 grade. EEPROM30 is made to memorize the correction value corresponding to this conveyance error, for actual amendment control. It controls to amend the amount of sheet conveyances by counting a pulse number on the basis of the time of detecting a specific point using the sensor which detects only a specific point; and the point being detected, the conveyance [according to such amendment control]—correctly and certainly error at each [of a specific period] time — correction value — an amendment — things are made that is, the conveyance-more correctly and certainly error at each [of a specific period] time if it controls to amend the amount of sheet conveyances by counting the number of PASURU on the basis of the time of detecting a reference point using the criteria sensor 31 which detects a reference point, and a reference point being detected — correction value — an amendment — things are made.

[0021] Next, the creation method of a correction value table is explained more concretely.

Drawing 4 is drawing showing the sheet conveyance error of the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 in which it appears a specific period from a certain reference point. The conveyance error shown in drawing 4 can be acquired by detecting angle of rotation of the roller shaft of the conveyance roller 11 one by one from an encoder 16 while counting the pulse number sent to a stepping motor 15. And as shown in drawing 5, the sheet conveyance error for one obtained period is divided into two or more sections, and the correction value of a conveyance error is set up for every section of the. In drawing 5, one period serves as 1000 pulses, this is divided into the ten sections for every 100 pulses, and correction value is set up for every section. This correction value is set up as an amendment ratio to a proper sheet feed per revolution, and can compute the pulse number which should be amended in the section by multiplying this amendment ratio by the pulse number for every section. Thus, since the amount of sheet conveyances amended by the stepping motor 15 can be given as it is as a pulse number by specifying the amount of sheet conveyances, and each correction value by the pulse number, the control in sheet delivery can be simplified. In addition, in this case, specifically, it is made for the smallest unit of the amount of sheet conveyances to be prescribed by the specific pulse number which a stepping motor 15 drives, and to perform 1/600 inch delivery of a smallest unit by three pulses so that the resolution of 600dpi (dot per inch) may be obtained in the sheet conveyance direction. By the specific pulse number, if it does in this way, since the minimum delivery unit is specified, from a pulse number, the amount of sheet conveyances and the amount of amendments can be determined easily, and positive control can be performed by simple composition. In this case, more exact amendment can be performed by setting up as great as possible a specific pulse number, i.e., the pulse number which corresponds per the minimum delivery. And a correction value table as each set-up amendment ratio is made to correspond to each divided section and shows it to drawing 6 is created. And it stores in the predetermined storage region of EEPROM30. In addition, an encoder 16 and distributor shaft coupling 24 are removed after storing of a correction value table finishes.

[0022] The flow view and drawing 8 explaining control of the printing processing in which drawing 7 includes amendment control for the amount of sheet conveyances using a correction value table are a flow view for computing the amount of amendments. The correction value table memorized by EEPROM30 explains the amount of sheet conveyances about the amendment control method, referring to these drawing 7 and drawing 8. In addition, when the power supply of equipment is started, whenever the present rotation position of the conveyance roller 11 writes the data in which it counts from a reference point and it is shown the rotation position of what pulse eye it is in the suitable field of RAM22 based on the input from the criteria sensor 31 and CPU23 drives a stepping motor 15 henceforth, it is updating and (it rewrites) carrying out the rotation position data concerned.

[0023] In drawing 7, a sheet is first supplied by the sheet feeder style 4 in the printing section 3 with the start of printing processing operation (S1). It is initialized when there is the amount B of sheet conveyances accumulated at this time (S2). (the accumulated amount B of sheet conveyances is set to 0.) Next, when it is judged whether all printing data are printed (S3) and all printing data are not printed, it is judged whether the printing data for one scan are prepared in CPU23 (S5). When this judgment is repeated and it is ready until preparation was made, when

not prepared, the amount A of sheet conveyances accompanying printing for one scan is determined (S6). Next, when printing data are got [whether it is empty and] blocked, it is judged whether it is made the blank line, without printing in the following scan (S7) and printing data do not print in empty, i.e., the following scan, the amount A of sheet conveyances is accumulated (S8), and returns before the step (S3) it is judged to be whether all printing data are printed. When printing data are not empty, the amount C of sheet conveyances required for the next sheet conveyances accompanying printing for one scan was added) is determined (S9). Next, from pulse-number alpha of the drive start point which is the present rotation halt position, and pulse-number P equivalent to the amount C of sheet conveyances, the number of PASURU of the point beta ending [drive] is computed, and the amount gamma of amendments is computed with each amendment ratio in each section of a before [from the drive start point alpha / the point beta ending / drive] (S10). And the amount gamma of amendments is applied to the amount C of sheet conveyances required for printing (S11), and sheet delivery is performed (S12). And the scan of the print head 7 is carried out by the drive of the carriage motor 19 (refer to drawing 3), and printing is performed (S13). When this processing is repeated and all printing data are printed until it returned before the step (S3) it is judged to be whether all printing data are printed again and all printing data were printed, after printing was completed, excrisis processing of the sheet from the printing section 3 is performed, and (S4) and printing processing are ended. Thus, predetermined printing processing is attained by the sheet.

[0024] Next, the step (S10) which computes the amount gamma of amendments is explained, referring to drawing 5, drawing 6, and drawing 8. In this explanation, the case where pulse-number P which pulse-number alpha of the drive start point detected from an encoder 16 is 240 pulses, and is equivalent to the amount C of sheet conveyances required for printing about the correction value (amendment ratio) of a specific period as shown in drawing 5 is 2630 pulses is taken for an example.

[0025] If calculation of the amount gamma of amendments is started as shown in drawing 8, pulse-number alpha in a drive start point will be first read from the predetermined storage region of RAM22 which has memorized the present rotation position data (S21). Next, pulse number Pf which is equivalent to one period from pulse-number P equivalent to the amount C of sheet conveyances in order to ask for pulse-number beta of the point ending [drive] Pulse-number P' of the remainder which subtracted the integral multiple n (S22) and was subtracted Pulse-number alpha of a drive start point is added (S23). Pulse number Pf which is equivalent to one period from pulse-number P equivalent to the amount C of sheet conveyances An integral multiple n is subtracted for summarizing the amount of amendments for a term behind two or more rounds, and making it add. When pulse-number P equivalent to the amount C of sheet conveyances is 2630 pulses, pulse-number P' of the subtracted remainder is $2630(P)-1000(Pf) = 630$, and pulse-number beta of the point ending [drive] is set to $240(\alpha/\beta)+630(P') = 370$.

[0026] Next, about pulse-number alpha of a drive start point, it is multiple alphaA of the pulse number of the section. Residual number of PASURU alphaB While decomposing, it is multiple betaA of the pulse number of the section about pulse-number beta of the point ending [drive]. Residual number of PASURU betaB It decomposes (S24). It becomes that pulse-number alpha of a drive start point is 240 pulses with $240(\alpha/\beta) = 2(\alpha/\beta) \times 100(\text{section}) + 40(\alpha/\beta)$, and becomes that pulse-number beta of the point ending [drive] is 870 pulses with $870(\beta/\gamma) = 8(\beta/\gamma) \times 100(\text{section}) + 70(\beta/\gamma)$. And section alphaA in a drive start point. While selecting out of the correction value table showing a corresponding amendment ratio in drawing 6, the amount gamma of amendments of the section in a drive start point is computed by amending the pulse number of the fraction of the section in a drive start point with this amendment ratio (S25). In this case, an amendment ratio is 2%, and since a fraction is 100 to 40 (α/β) pulse, the amount gamma of amendments of the section in a drive start point serves as $60 = 0.02 \times 1.2$ pulse. Next, section alphaA in a drive start point from the next section ending [drive] The amendment ratio equivalent to each is selected for each [to the front section section of every, and the amount of amendments is computed and accumulated for every section

(S26-S29), namely, section betaA [in / the point ending / drive / in the section X after adding 1 to the section in a drive start point (S26)] A *****, is judged (S27). It is -- section betaA in the point ending [drive] it is not — it selects out of the correction value table showing the amendment ratio equivalent to the section X in drawing 6, and with this amendment ratio, to a case, the amount of amendments of the section X is computed, and this amount of amendments is accumulated to it (S28). Subsequently, section betaA [in / the point ending / drive / the section X is incremented (S29) and / for this process] it repeats until it reaches. In this case, since the amount of amendments of each section is computed by each amendment ratio from 3 section eye to 7 section eye and each amount of amendments is accumulated, the amount of amendments of the section in the meantime is $0.04 \times 100 + 0.03 \times 100 + 0.02 \times 100 + 0.01 \times 100 = 1.01$) $\times 100 = 9$ pulse, this is added to amount of amendments 1.2 pulse in a drive start point, and the amount gamma of amendments serves as 10.2 pulses.

[0027] Section betaA in the point ending [drive] Section betaA in the point ending [drive] when it reaches Section betaA [in / the point ending / drive / by the corresponding amendment ratio] Section betaA / in / the point ending / drive / a fractional pulse number is amended and] The amount of amendments is computed and this is accumulated in the amount gamma of amendments (S30). In this case, an amendment ratio is section betaA [in / the point ending / drive / since it is -2% and a fraction is 70 (betaB)]. The amount of amendments is $-0.02 \times 70 = 1.4$ pulse, and if it adds to amount of amendments 1.02 pulse which is having this accumulated, it will serve as 8.8 pulses. To the last, it is amount of amendments gamma for one period. An integral multiple n is added (S31) and calculation of the amount gamma of amendments is ended. Amount of amendments gamma for one period It is what totaled each amendment ratio of the correction value table shown in drawing 6, and is $0.01 \times 100 + 0.02 \times 100 + 0.02 \times 100 + 0.01 \times 100 + (-1) \times 100 = -2.0 \times 100 = -20$ pulse. Therefore, if it is two periods, it will become 20 pulses, amount of amendments 8.8 pulse accumulated by this will be added, and the amount gamma of amendments will be computed with 28.8 pulses as a result.

[0028] Here, since it is difficult to carry out the step drive of the stepping motor 15 still more finely than one pulse when there is a fraction of less than one pulse, after performing suitable rounding-off processing of rounding off etc., for example, the amount gamma of amendments is added to the amount C of sheet conveyances required for printing. As an example, if the digit of the 1st place is rounded off for example, under decimal point, the amount gamma of amendments will serve as 29 pulses, and it will become 2659 pulses if amount of sheet conveyances 2630 pulse is added to this. Therefore, by driving a stepping motor 15 by 2659 pulses, it cannot be concerned with a conveyance error peculiar to the equipment concerned, but only the specified quantity can convey a sheet. In addition, as a part for the fraction which the fraction of less than one pulse is in the amount gamma of amendments, and was not adopted as actual sheet delivery, and the insufficiency at the time of being revalued are saved to the suitable field of RAM22, in case it calculates the next amount gamma of amendments, it is natural. [of your making it take into consideration]

[0029] According to such composition, even if, though there are deflections, such as the conveyance roller 11 and a gear which tells a drive to the conveyance roller 11 from a stepping motor 15, etc. Since the amendment ratio set up corresponding to the conveyance error of a specific period amends the amount of sheet conveyances appropriately and sends a sheet the conveyance error which especially originates in deflections, such as the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 and a gear which tells a drive to the conveyance roller 11, etc. from the conveyance roller 11 and a stepping motor 15 — easy — an amendment — things are made. Therefore, the conveyance error to which part precision of the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 is not required, but the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 also has ** separately can be canceled, and delivery can be attained for an exact and positive sheet. In this case, since the amendment ratio is set up corresponding to the conveyance error for every section which divided the specific period into plurality, it can send a sheet correctly and certainly by simple composition. Therefore, the printer 1 which can attain good sheet delivery and is equipped with this sheet transport device can perform suitable printing by simple composition by there being nothing with

cost quantity and a bird clapper. [0030] In addition, although the conveyance error of the sheet conveyance mechanism 10 in which it appears a specific period was searched for as a period of the conveyance error in the conveyance roller 11 with this operation form by detecting angle of rotation of the conveyance roller 11 with an encoder 16 if detectable as a period resulting from the error of sheet delivery, it may not be the period of the conveyance error in the conveyance roller 11, for example, you may ask as a period of the error of actual sheet delivery by detecting the amount of displacement of sheet delivery by the laser sensor etc. Moreover, if the part which measures a conveyance error is the mechanism in which any portion of a sheet conveyance mechanism is sufficient, for example, many gears are located in a line, it measures an error by the middle gear and is good as for a method of an amendment. However, of course, it is made for a conveyance error not to arise in the mechanism portion after the measured part.

[0031] Furthermore, although a specific period is divided into two or more sections and the correction value corresponding to the conveyance error for every section was stored in the correction value table with this operation form, you may make it store in a correction value table the correction value corresponding to the conveyance error continuously detected from the encoder 16. Moreover, although the criteria sensor 31 is formed as a means to detect a specific point (rotation position), with this operation form, it is not necessarily that a sensor must detect. For example, in transporting a sheet to the discharge tray 9 side from the supply tray 5 by the normal rotation drive of a stepping motor 15 at a predetermined feed direction stopper ability does not act, but only when the inversion drive of the stepping motor 15 is carried out, the stopper style on which stopper ability acts is prepared, and you may make it measure a conveyance error for the position where the conveyance roller 11 was suspended by the stopper style concerned as a specific rotation position. And a specific point (rotation position) is detectable because it is made to carry out a pulse drive further after rotation of the conveyance roller 11 was stopped by the above-mentioned stopper style for example, until it carried out the inversion drive of the stepping motor 15 beforehand and the stepping motor 15 carried out step-out namely, when the power supply of equipment was started.

[0032] Moreover, it is not concerned with an inversion, but after projecting in the position where a stopper member acts on a part of drive system and detecting a specific point (rotation position) like nothing and the above of a stopper operation, you may make it a stopper member evacuate to the position for bad harvest as a method of detecting only by normal rotation drive, if "the start signal of zero detection" is taken out. Moreover, although the printer 1 was taken for the example and the sheet transport device was explained with this operation form, the sheet transport device of this invention is extensively applicable to image formation equipments, such as a copying machine and facsimile, etc.

[0033]

[Effect of the Invention] Since according to invention of a claim 1 part precision of a sheet conveyance mechanism is not required but ** can also do exact and positive sheet delivery as stated above, there is nothing with cost quantity and a bird clapper, and good sheet delivery can be attained. Therefore, suitable printing can be performed by equipping a printer etc. with this sheet transport device.

[0034] Since according to invention according to claim 2 part precision of a sheet conveyance mechanism cannot be required but ** can also perform exact and positive sheet delivery, there is nothing with cost quantity and a bird clapper, and simple composition can attain good sheet delivery. Therefore, suitable printing can be performed by equipping a printer etc. with this sheet transport device.

[0035] the conveyance [according to invention according to claim 3] correctly and certainly error at each [of a specific period] time — correction value — an amendment — since things are made, sheet delivery with a more high precision is realizable According to invention according to claim 4, the control in sheet delivery can be controlled by the pulse number, and a sheet can be sent correctly and certainly by simple composition.

[0036] According to invention according to claim 5, since a pulse number can determine easily the amount of sheet conveyances, and the amount of amendments, positive control can be

performed by simple composition. Since according to invention according to claim 6 part precision of a sheet conveyance mechanism is not required but ** can also do exact and positive sheet delivery, there is nothing with cost quantity and a bird clapper, and good sheet delivery can be attained.

[0037] Since according to invention according to claim 7 part precision of a sheet conveyance mechanism cannot be required but ** can also perform exact and positive sheet delivery, there is nothing with cost quantity and a bird clapper, and simple composition can attain good sheet delivery.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS**[Brief Description of the Drawings]**

[Drawing 1] It is the important section side elevation showing 1 operation gestalt which materialized the printer equipped with the sheet transport device of this invention.

[Drawing 2] It is the plan simplifying and showing the important section of the sheet transport device in drawing 1.

[Drawing 3] It is the block diagram of the control system of the printer containing the sheet transport device in drawing 1.

[Drawing 4] It is drawing showing an example of the sheet conveyance error of a sheet conveyance mechanism which appears a specific period from a certain reference point.

[Drawing 5] It is explanatory drawing for dividing the sheet conveyance error in drawing 4 into two or more sections, and setting up correction value.

[Drawing 6] It is drawing showing an example of a correction value table based on the correction value of drawing 5.

[Drawing 7] It is the flow view explaining control of printing processing which includes amendment control for the amount of sheet conveyances using a correction value table.

[Drawing 8] In the flow view shown in drawing 7, it is a flow view for computing the amount of amendments.

[Description of Notations]

- 10 Sheet Conveyance Mechanism
- 11 Conveyance Roller
- 15 Stepping Motor
- 16 Encoder
- 21 ROM
- 23 CPU

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いる。ROM 2.1には、作成した印字データに基づいてシート搬送駆動回路 1.7、キャリッジ駆動回路 1.8および印字ヘッド駆動回路 2.0を駆動制御する制御ヘッドプログラム、後述する補正圖によつて、シート搬送量を補正するための補正プログラム等が設定されている。また、EEPROM 3.0には、シート搬送量を補正するための補正圖が記憶されており、補正圖記憶手段としない複数を有している。RAM 2.2には、印字制御を行なうための各種のメモリやバッファ、および、補正プログラムを実行するための一時記憶としてのワーカーエリア等がある。

シート搬送機器 1、とりわけ、搬送ローラー 1 1 や、ペルスモータ 1 5 から搬送ローラー 1 1 に駆動を伝えるギヤ等の搬送部等に起因する搬送誤差を補正するためのものであって、ある基準点（センサ 3 1）によって検出される特定の回転位置から特定周期で出現するシート搬送機器 1 のシート搬送誤差や、その特定周期の各点における搬送誤差に対応して調整するものである。これは、基準点から特定周期で出現するシート搬送誤差を複数個に分離され各々区間ごとに補正値を算出する。

【10020】このような補正値テーブルの作成は、製造工程において行なわれるものであり、装置ごとに固有の補正値テーブルが作成される。すなわち、製作工場において、エンコーダー16番用いて、希望寸法を出現在する搬送機器の16番搬送装置を検出して、この搬送機器に対する補正値をEEPROM30に記憶させておき、そして、実際の補正制御には、希望の点のみを検出

するセンサを用いて希望の点を検出し、その点が検出された時点を基準として、ハルス数をカウントすることにより、シート搬送量の補正を行なうように制御する。このような補正制御によれば、正確かつ確実に、希望の各時点における搬送量を補正値によって補正することができる。つまり、基準点を検出した時点を基準として、ハルス数をカウントすることにより、シート搬送量の補正を行なうように制御すれば、より正確かつ確実に、希望範囲の各時点における搬送量を補正値によって補正することができる。

よって補正することができる。

[0021] 次に、補正値テーブルの作成方法について、より具体的に説明する。図4は、ある基準点から特定定期で出現するシート搬送誤差10のシート搬送誤差を示す図である。図4に示す搬送誤差は、パルスモータコード16から搬送ローラー11のローラー軸の回転角度を観測後出することにより得ることができます。そして、図4に示すように、得られた1周周期分のシート搬送誤差を、複数の区間に分割して、その区間にごとに搬送誤差の

補正値を設定する。図5においては、1周期が10000 バルスとなっており、これを、たとえば、1000バルスごとの10区間は、遅延なシーケンスに対する補正値を設定する。この初期値は、遅延なシーケンスに対する補正率として設定され、各区間ごとのバルス数に、この補正比率を掛け合わせることによって、その区間ににおいて補正されるべきバルス数を算出することができる。このように、シート搬送量および各補正値を、バルス数によって規定することで、バルスマーカー15に、補正されたシート搬送量をバルス数としてそのまま与えることがでるので、シート送りにおける制御を簡略化することができる。なお、この場合、シート搬送量の最小単位は、バルスマーカー15が駆動される補正のバルス数によって規定されており、具体的には、シート搬送方向が600 dpi (dot per inch) の解像度が得られるように、3バルスで最小単位の1/600インチ送りを行なうようになっている。このようにすると、補正のバルス数で、最小送り単位が規定されることによって、より正確な補正を行なうことができる。そして、設定された各補正比率を、分割された各区間に応応させて、E.PROM 0.1に示すような、補正値データーフィールドを作成する。そして、E.PROM 2.3の所定の記憶領域に格納しておく。なお、エンコーダー16およびカッティング24は、補正値データーフィールドが終わった後に取り外される。

[0022] 図7は、補正値データーフィールドを用いてシート搬送量を補正する制御を含む、印字処理の制御を説明するフロー図。図8は、補正量を算出するためのフロー図である。これら図7および図8を参照しながら、E.PROM 0.30に記述されている補正値データーフィールドによって、シート搬送量を補正する制御方法について説明する。なお、CPU2.3は、装置の電源が立ち上がり、搬送ローラー11が基準センサ31からの入力に基づいて、印字ローラー11の現在の回転位置が基準点から数えて何バルス目の回転位置であるかを示すデータをRAM 2.2の適当な領域に蓄積し、以後、バルスマーカー15を駆動する毎に、当該回転位置データを更新する(書き換える)ようにしてい る。

[0023] 図7において、まず、印字処理動作の開始とともに、シート供給機構4によりシートが印字部3内に搬送される(S1)。このとき、累積されたシート搬送量Bを0にする(F1)。初期化(B=0)後、シートデーターが印字される(S2)。次に、すべての印字データが印字されているか否かが判断され(S3)、すべての印字データが印字されていないときに、1スキヤン分の印字データがCPU2.3において用意されているか否かが判断される(S5)。用意されて

補正値を設定する。図5においては、1周期が10,000 バルスとなっており、これを、たとえば、1,000バルスごとの10区間に分割して、各区間にごとに補正値を設定する。この10区間は、適正なシート送り量に対する補正率として設定され、各区間にごとのバルス数に、この補正率を掛け合わせることによって、その区間ににおいて補正されるべきバルス数を算出することができる。このように、シート送り量における制御を簡略化することができる。なお、この場合、シート送り量の最小単位は、バルスマーチ15が選択される特定のバルス数によって規定されており、具体的には、シート搬送方向に600 dpi (dots per inch) の解像度が得られるよう、3バルスで最小単位の1/600インチ送りを行なうようしている。このようにすると、特定のバルス数で、最小送り単位が規定されるので、バルス数から、シート搬送量および補正量を容易に決定でき、簡易な構成によって、確実な制御を実行できる。この場合、特定のバルス数、すなわち、最小の送り単位に相当するバルス数をできる限り大きく設定することによって、より正確な補正を行なうことができる。そして、設定された各補正比率を、分割された各区間に対応させて、図6に示すような、補正値テーブルを作成しておく。そして、EPRモードにて操作部側面の操作部を操作しておく。なお、エンコーダー16およびカーブティング24は、補正値テーブルの格納が終わった後に取り外される。

【0021】図7は、補正値テーブルを用いてシート搬送量を補正する制御を含む、印字処理の制御を説明する

補正値を設定する。図5においては、1周期が10000 バルスとなっており、これを、たとえば、1000バルス この10区間にごとに補正値を設定する。この10区間は、遅延なしシート送り量に対する補正値として設定され、各区間ごとのバルス数に、この補正率を掛け合わせることによって、その区間において補正されるべきバルス数を算出することができる。このように、シート送り量および各補正値を、バルス数によって規定することで、バルスマーカ15に、補正されたシート送り量をバルス数としてそのまま与えることができる。シート送りにおける制御を簡略化することができる。なお、この場合、シート送り量の最小単位は、バルスマーカ15が認識される範囲のバルス数によって規定されており、具体的には、シート送り方向に1000 dpi (dot per inch) の解像度が得られるようすに、3バルスで最小単位の1/600インチ送りを行なうようしている。このようにすると、補正のバルス数で、最小送り単位が規定されることによって、より容易に、シート送り量および補正量を容易に決定でき、簡易な構成によって、確実な制御を実行できる。この場合、特定のバルス数、すなわち、最小の送り単位に相当するバルス数で、限りなく大きくなることによって、より正確な補正を行なうことができる。そして、設定された各補正率を、分割された各区間に対応させて、そして、EEPROM 34の所定の記憶領域に格納しておく。なお、エレコマード16およびカシオリンク24は、補正値テーブルの格納が終わった後に取り外される。

[0022] 図7は、補正値テーブルを用いてシート送送量を補正する制御を含む、印字処理の制御を説明するフロー図、図8は、補正量を算出するためのフロー図である。これら図7および図8を参照しながら、EEPROM 34に記憶されている補正値テーブルによって、シート送送量を補正する制御方法について説明する。なお、CPU23は、装置の基盤が立ち上げられたとき、基盤センサ31からの入力に依拠して、搬送ローラ11の現在の位置量が基準点から変えて何バルス目の回転位置であるかを示すデータをRAM2の適当な領域に書き込み、以後、バルスマーカ15を認識する毎に、当該回転位置データを更新する(書き換える)ようにしてい

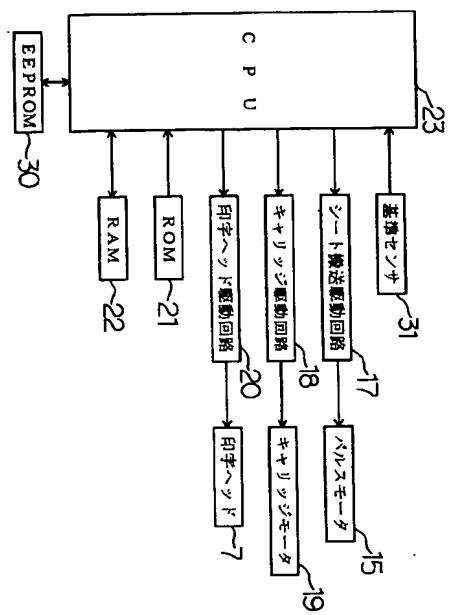
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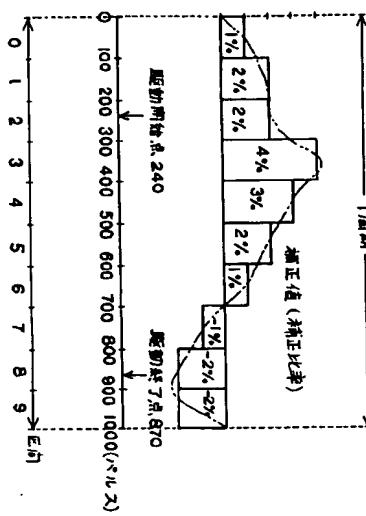
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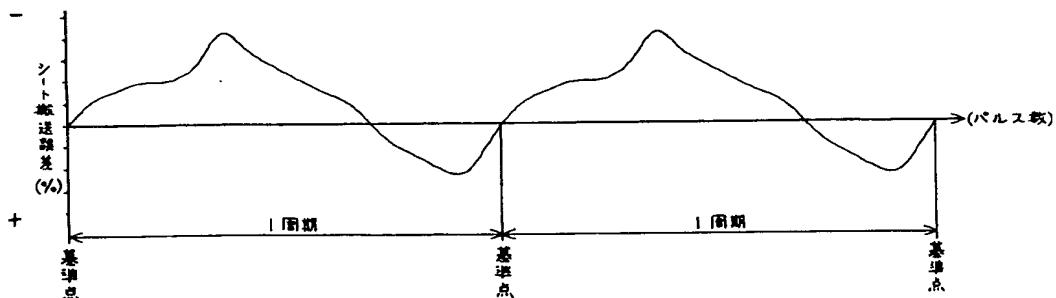
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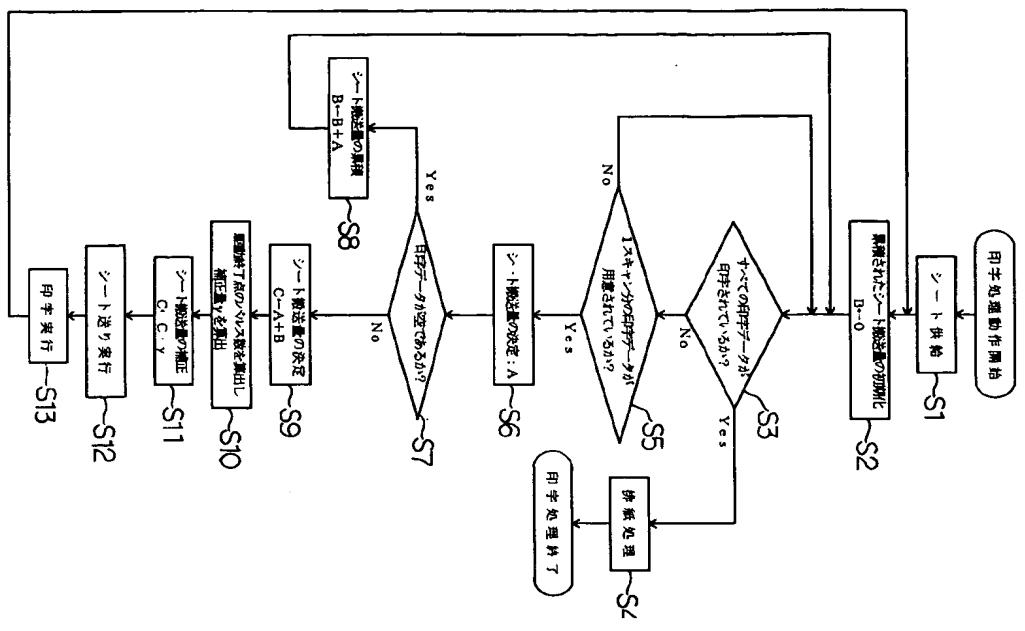
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